

KAMPUNG GEDANGSA

Under the Federal Land Development Authority (FELDA) scheme, a handicraft centre specialising in 'mengkuang' (pandanus leaf) weaving was set up at Kampung Gedangsa in 1987. Here, one can purchase colourful and attractive baskets and containers ranging from MS5 and upwards. There are also other items made from rattan and 'pandan' leaves. Visitors also get a chance to witness daily demonstrations of basket-weaving at the workshop next door. The handicraft centre is open daily except Sundays from 8-11 am and 2-5 pm.



How To Get There:

From Kuala Lumpur to Kuala Kubu Bahru:

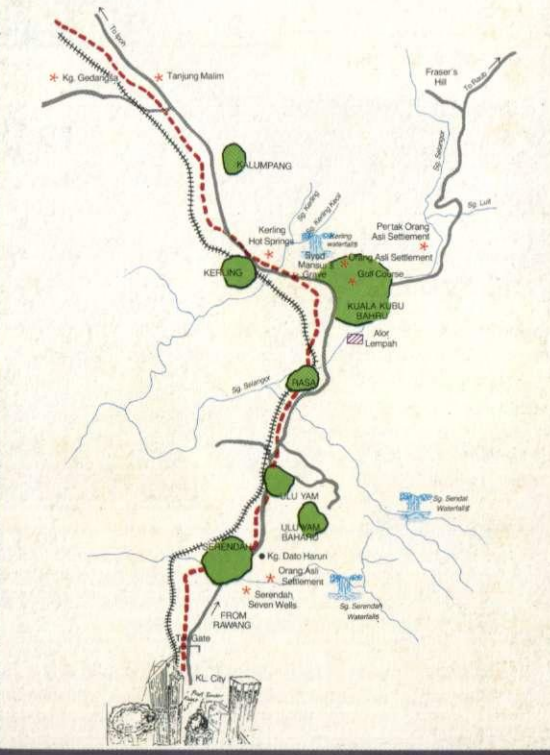
By bus:

Board Len Omnibus No. 66 (non-airconditioned) or No. 100 (air-conditioned express) from Puduraya Bus Terminal. Bus services are at 25-minute intervals for No. 66 and hourly for No. 100.

Fare one way – \$2.80 (non-airconditioned)
– \$3.10 (air-conditioned Express).

By taxi:

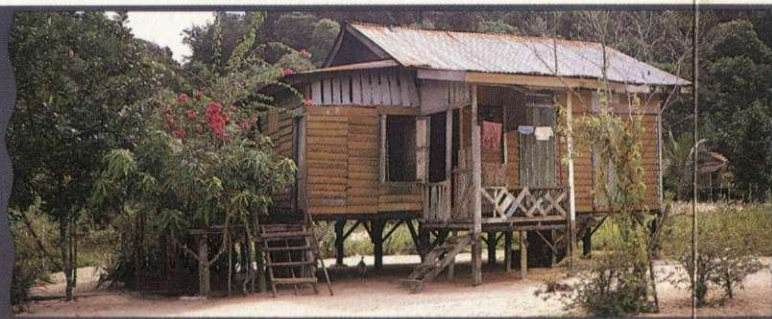
The fare is \$6.00 per person and \$24.00 per taxi (one way).
Tel: 03-2380213



ORANG ASLI SETTLEMENT

If you have never had the chance to view a real life 'orang asli' (aborigine) settlement, this is your chance! There are a number of such settlements in Hulu Selangor such as the Kampong Orang Asli near Sg. Sendat, Kampung Tun Razak and the Pertak settlement, are striving to provide modern facilities and a better quality of life through modern housing and modern system, many choose to revert to the old ways, surviving on farm and jungle produce.

In 1986, a bamboo workshop was started in Kampung Tun Razak, basically operated by the 'orang aslis'. The main products are 'lidi colok' (thin bamboo sticks) used for satay, a local speciality, as well as toothpicks and flower stems. Future plans are in the pipeline to introduce other items made of bamboo such as furniture and handicrafts. If you are interested in learning more about the 'orang asli' lifestyle and would like a glimpse of the bamboo workshop, further enquiries can be made at the Jabatan Hal Ehwal Orang Asli, Tel: (03) 261 0577.



FRUITS GALORE

Fruit-lovers, take note – some of the best and cheapest durians in the country are to be found in the district of Hulu Selangor! Though the initial smell may be a little unusual, once acquainted, you may find yourself addicted to this king of fruits. It is said that the best variety is B12, sometimes sold for grand sum of MS35

/fruit. There are also a number of fruit orchards offering delicious mangosteens, starfruits and guavas. Many stalls can be seen along the main road selling these fruits during peak season.

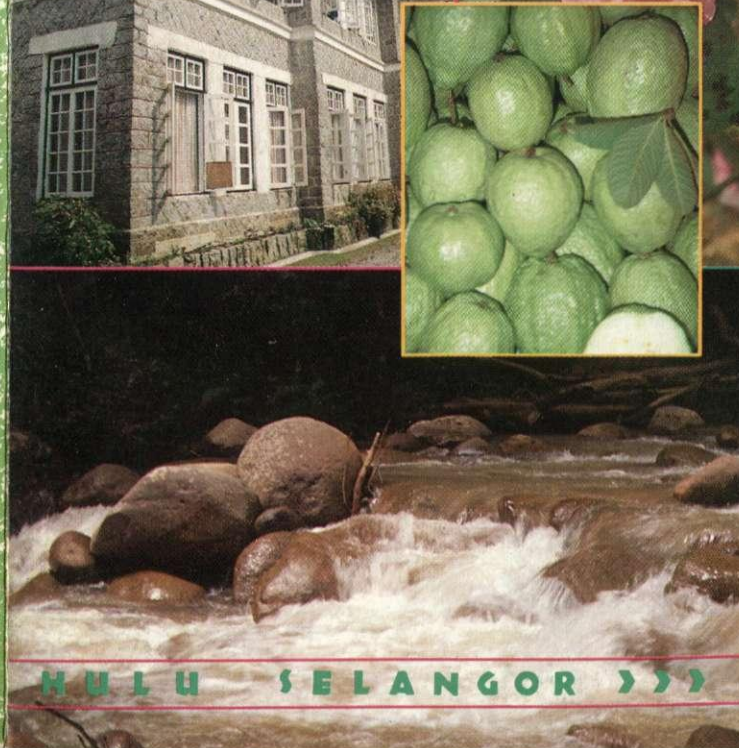


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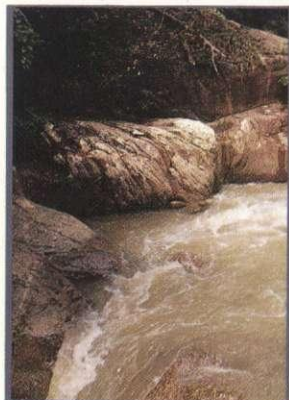
HULU SELANGOR

Explore the hidden secrets of nature's charms in Hulu Selangor, the largest northernmost district in Selangor Darul Ehsan. Accessible via the Ipoh highway past Rawang, it takes an hour (distance – 64 km) to reach the main town of Kuala Kubu Bharu from Kuala Lumpur. The district covers an area of 174,570 hectares and consists of 8 smaller constituencies: Sg. Selisek, Ulu Bernam, Kalumpang, Kerling, Kuala Kubu Bharu/Rasa, Batang Kali, Ulu Yam and Serendah. Situated at the foot of the Titiwangsa Range, Hulu Selangor has much farm and ex-mining lands. Here, enchanting waterfalls, botanical wonders and historic allure await discovery. Kuala Kubu Bharu has great historical significance as it was the site of the Selangor Civil War (Perang Saudara Selangor) which took place from 1868 – 1873. A heated quarrel between two royalities, Tengku Kudin and Raja Mahadi primarily over the control of the tin in the area resulted in this war. It was during this time an impenetrable fort was built at the estuary of the Selangor River, thus the name 'Kuala Kubu Bharu' was given. In Malay, 'kuala' means 'river mouth'; 'kubu' refers to 'fort' and 'bharu' means 'new'.

SERENDAH SEVEN WELLS

Built more than 50 years ago as a water storage system during the tin mining era, the Serendah River has been cleverly channelled to flow through seven wells, hence the name. Aside from the unique architecture of the wells, you also get to enjoy the tranquility of the environs

from a platform which overlooks the valley below. Railings have been constructed around the platform for safety measures and there are stone tables and benches below a huge raintree for the convenience of picnickers who might want to stroll a while in the pleasant landscaped grounds. The neighbouring disused mining pool is also a popular spot for ardent fisherman.



SUNGAI SENDAT WATER FALLS

Secluded from the outside world, Sg. Sendat Waterfalls is a lovely recreation spot and a favourite camping site for the locals. The crystal clear and refreshing waters flow into three different pools at slightly different levels and these are ideal for swimming and paddling. While taking in the beauty of nature, you might like to stop by the 90-year-old Buddhist temple just before the waterfalls for a visit.

ALOR LEMPAH

The town of Kuala Kubu is built upon an alluvial fan. Rumours had it that years ago in 1883, soon after a dam was built to prevent flooding of the Selangor River, a white crocodile was seen in the premises. The locals regarded the creature to be sacred and when a British Resident by the name of Cecil Ranking set out to kill it, the skies darkened and a heavy thunderstorm ensued. The dam broke and the next morning when the floods subsided, the body of the Resident was found. The crocodile had taken its revenge. Till today, the local folks call the district 'Ampang Pecah' (broken dam). Now 'Ampang Pecah' is also known to the locals as Alor Lempah. The bubbling white water flows over the concrete broken dam wall and is rich with marine life such as small fishes and prawns. The sandy banks is a popular site for camping and picnicking while the shandy trees and quiet surroundings are ideal for those who seek a temporary recluse from the maddening crowd.

FRASER'S HILL

Situated on the district border of Hulu Selangor and Pahang state, Fraser's Hill was founded by tin-miner Louis James Fraser and later developed into one of Malaysia's foremost hill resorts in 1910. There are control gates at the entry point of Fraser's called the 'gap' which are open 40 minutes at a time to help ease the one-way traffic. The cool mountain air and unusual flora attracts many visitors who are looking for a cool change of scenery. The Jeriau waterfalls are delightfully hidden from the obvious view by giant ferns and tall bamboos and the water is especially icy cold, certain to rejuvenate your senses. The adventurous will like exploring the many jungle paths and hiking to the top of Fraser's peak. Those who appreciate nature's handiwork will love the beautiful large blooms found here. Golfers love the superb 9-hole golf course at this hill resort which is shared between the states of Pahang Darul Makmur and Selangor Darul Ehsan. Other facilities here include a sports complex which has a heated swimming pool, squash courts and saunas as well as conference amenities. If you should decide to spend the night at Fraser's, there are various types of accommodation available such as the international standard Hotel Merlin, bungalows and chalets from the Fraser's Hill Development Corporation and a government-run bungalow called Sri Berkas. For reservations at Sri Berkas, call the Hulu Selangor District office, Tel: (03) 804 1026.



SUNGAI SERENDAH WATERFALLS

Relatively undiscovered and surrounded by lush-green tropical forest, the Sg. Serendah Waterfalls is the perfect hideout for those seeking a short escapade from the city scene. Rushing waters cascading from a height of 6 metres into a natural wide sandy pool provides the perfect background for a picnic or afternoon swim. If you're lucky, you might catch a rare sight of the magnificent hornbill flying overhead or perched on the trees nearby. Along the way, there are fruit and vegetable farms as well as an 'orang asli' settlement.

KERLING HOT SPRING AND WATERFALLS

A small wooden bridge across the Kerling River leads you to a gurgling natural hot spring. A rectangular wooden enclosure has been built around the hot spring where you can choose to take a dip in the sandy wading pool. Aside from the soothing effect of the warm water, the locals often frequent the hot spring because they believe the minerals in the waters have certain healing properties, good for the skin. Here, one cannot help but marvel at the wonder of nature. Cool, clean waters of the Kerling River juxtaposed alongside the hot spring. Travelling 1 km further upstream, you will find a fantastic waterfall cascading over smooth rocks, crystal clear waters washing over sandy beds. You could choose to trek uphill and revel in the higher levels of the falls via a jungle trek or follow the winding route of the river itself.

